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Attorney's Docket No. KLA1P058

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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: MULTIPLE ELECTRON BEAM INSPECTION SYSTEM USING UNIFORM FOCUS AND DEFLECTION the specification of which,

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| I acknowledge the duty to disclose 37, CFR § 1.56. | e information which is material t | to the patentability of this app | olication in accordance with Title |
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Prior U.S. Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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